



Course Syllabus

Course Code LAW-241	Course Title Criminal Law I	ECTS Credits 6
Prerequisites None	Department Law	Semester Fall
Type of Course Required/Core	Field Law	Language of Instruction English
Level of Course 1 st Cycle	Lecturer Dr Demetra Fr Sorvatzioti	Year of Study 2 nd
Mode of Delivery Conventional	Work Placement N/A	Corequisites None

Course Objectives:

The course objectives are to:

Thoroughly explain and discuss the principles and criteria upon which a person's criminal responsibility will be assessed, focusing primarily on the relevant principles fundamental to criminal liability and the current state of the law. Discuss criminal law principles and explain case law evolution. During this course, the necessary legal method to identify legal issues and provide answers according to the law will be analysed. Criminal Law general principles will be discussed and explored through case law scenarios emphasising relevant authorities and applicable legislation.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

1. Analyse and discuss the nature and importance of the *mens rea* and *actus reus* elements of the crime through case law and distinguish among different types of crime
2. Comprehend causation and discuss legal problems solved via case law and theory.
3. Differentiate among modes of liability and discuss legal problems through case law.
4. Assess, through case law, the factors which govern defences and excuses for crime.
5. Realize and discuss participation and criminal responsibility.

Course Content:

1. Introduction to Criminal Law, Types of crime
2. Elements of Crime
3. Actus Reus: Act v. Omission
4. Actus Reus: Causation
5. Mens Rea: Intent
6. Mens Rea: Intent v. Wilful Blindness & Recklessness
7. Mens Rea: Mistake of Fact and distinction with Recklessness & Wilful Blindness
8. True Crimes, Negligence - Strict and Absolute Liability
9. Insanity/ Automatism
10. Intoxication
11. Duress v. Necessity
12. Parties to crime and Inchoate offences

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Interactive lectures, case law presentation and discussion, group discussions, dialogue via the Socratic method

Assessment Methods:

Presentation and in-class participation in discussion, case law research and assignments, exams

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Criminal Law	Allen and Edwards	Oxford University Press	2021	9780198869931

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Text Cases, and Materials on Criminal Law	D. Ormerod & K. Laird	Oxford University Press	2020	9780198831945
Ashworth's Principles of Criminal Law	Jeremy Horder	Oxford University Press	2019	9780198777663
Smith, Hogan, and Ormerod's Essentials of Criminal Law 4th Edition	John Child, David Ormerod	Oxford University Press	2021	9780198869962
The Oxford Handbook of Criminal Law	Markus D. Dubber (ed.), Tatjana Hörnle (ed.)	Oxford University Press	2014	9780191751738